

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 18-50032-03

Plaintiff,

FACTUAL BASIS STATEMENT

vs.

MARCUS PAUL FRANKLIN,

Defendant.

Defendant states that the following facts are true, and the parties agree that they establish a factual basis for the offenses to which Defendant is pleading guilty pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(b)(3):

In March 2018, in the District of South Dakota and elsewhere, the defendants, Michael Glenn Ogden, Mary Ellen Autry, and Marcus Paul Franklin combined, conspired, and agreed to commit an offense against the laws of the United States, specifically, the manufacturing and passing of counterfeit United States currency. On March 6, 2018, the Rapid City Police Department (RCPD) learned Franklin, Ogden, and Autry were involved in the manufacturing and passing of numerous counterfeit \$100.00 Federal Reserve notes throughout South Dakota.

Specifically, on March 3, 2018, at a Target store in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Ogden, with intent to defraud, passed four (4) counterfeit \$100.00 Federal Reserve notes bearing serial numbers BK85403837B, BK70483837K,



BK30423892A and BK39420847K. He knew at the time the notes were falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.

On March 5, 2018, at a Target store in Rapid City, South Dakota, Autry, with intent to defraud, passed three (3) counterfeit \$100.00 Federal Reserve notes bearing serial numbers BK85403837B, BI40463837B, and BK95463837B. She knew at the time the notes were falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.

On March 5, 2018, at a Target store in Rapid City, South Dakota, Franklin, with intent to defraud, passed two (2) counterfeit \$100.00 Federal Reserve notes bearing serial numbers BK85403837B, and BK95463837B. He knew at the time the notes were falsely made, forged, and counterfeited.

In furtherance of their scheme to manufacture and pass counterfeit United States currency, Ogden, Autry, and Franklin obtained equipment, including printers, paper, and chemicals to convert legitimate \$10.00 United States currency bills into counterfeit \$100.00 United States currency bills. Using this equipment, the trio manufactured and passed thousands of dollars of counterfeit United States currency \$100.00 notes in South Dakota and other states. On March 3-5, 2018, Ogden, Autry, and Franklin passed the counterfeit \$100 Federal Reserve notes in South Dakota. Each admitted they joined in a scheme to manufacture and pass the counterfeit \$100.00 Federal Reserve notes, often at large stores such as Target and Kohl's. The trio further admitted to bleaching genuine \$10.00 Federal Reserve Notes then printing the image of a \$100.00

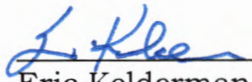
Federal Reserve Note on the genuine paper from the \$10.00 Federal Reserve Notes.

Search warrants executed by the RCPD at the trio's hotel room on March 6, 2018, recovered counterfeit Federal Reserve notes and manufacturing implements consistent with the scheme.

Further investigation revealed that several serial numbers found on computers seized from the defendants were unique to the defendants. Over the course of the past three years or more, the defendants used four specific serial numbers--BK85403837B, BK70483837K, BK30423892A and BK39420847K--repeatedly at locations all around the United States. The defendants began using the unique serial numbers beginning on or about a date unknown, but no later than January 2017. Because the serial numbers were unique to the defendants, the United States Secret Service has identified numerous victims from other federal districts. The defendant agrees that as part of the plea agreement in this matter, he will make restitution to all identifiable victims from these different jurisdictions, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A.

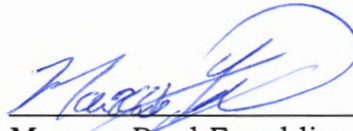
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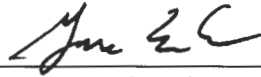
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Defendant

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